

PIRRUNG et al -- Serial No.: 09/871,691

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as anticipated by Pirrung et al and claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(f). Withdrawal of the rejections is submitted to be in order in view of the Declaration submitted April 16, 2003 (copy attached). Reconsideration is requested.

This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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